

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, ON "This Day in Texas," just 38 years ago, there entered this best of all possible worlds in the most prosperous times known to man a lusty, bawling infant, who was destined to achieve greatness--in his native Heights of Heavenly Houston, on the high seas, and here in the vaulted Legislative halls of his home State where he is sometimes lovingly known as the "Lone Ranger" of the Harris County Delegation; and

WHEREAS, The young statesman-to-be, the son of a native East Texas father from Morris County, Texas, and a Cajun mother from New Iberia, Louisiana, showed the promise of later achievement in his early school days--at Travis Elementary School, Hogg Junior High School, and Reagan Senior High School, all in the Houston Heights; and

WHEREAS, His first residence away from his beloved Houston Heights came when he entered Tulane University at New Orleans, from which he received his B.S. degree in Zoology in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Apparently the stars ordained that the high points in his life and those of history would coincide, for his next great adventure was his service in the United States Navy (1951-54) during the Korean War, when he was at sea for 22 months; and

WHEREAS, On returning to Houston with a Navy crew cut, a nautical swagger, a sailor's vocabulary, and a distinguished service record, he nudged the arm of destiny once more and entered the University of Houston College of Law: fortune still smiles, for in 1957, he was graduated with an L.L. B., magna cum laude, receiving the first high honor law degree granted by the then relatively new College of Law; and

WHEREAS, He next opened his law office in Houston only to be at once called to serve his State as an Assistant Attorney General; he resigned that high office to run for the House of Representatives in 1960, thus launching his illustrious political career, which has continued to this day into his fourth term in this Great Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Now as the Dean of the Harris County House Delegation, he inspires the respect, if not always the approval, of his colleagues, as he uses his native drive and ability, the force of his convictions and the persuasiveness of his words to push through the legislation he thinks will best serve the people of Texas; and

WHEREAS, He lives by the words of John Quincy Adams, who said,

"Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost."

and he also strongly admonishes all who will listen to remember that old saying,

"By gnawing through a dyke, even a rat may drown a nation.";

and

WHEREAS, He has worked diligently as a light to the blind and as sweet music to the deaf of Texas; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, he was honored by the Texas Rehabilitation Association with the award of "LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR"; for his work in modernizing the State's program for the blind; and continuing with his strongly felt obligation to help the afflicted, he is sponsoring this session a similar package of measures to improve services and facilities for the deaf; his legislative successes being too numerous to mention now number 62; and

WHEREAS, this gentleman's faithfulness to his constituents and his personal convictions, his fervency in support of his own District, and in following the advice of Ralph Waldo Emerson who said,

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm,"

sometimes cause his colleagues to heap abuse on his close-cropped head; nevertheless, his fellow members respect him, like him, and admire him for upholding his principles, and convictions, and for taking care of the people "back home"; and

WHEREAS, On this occasion of his 38th Birthday, the members of this House wish to join his attractive wife, Jean, and his three rousing sons--Chip, age 9; Jim, age 6; and Ridge, age 4-- in celebrating this Happy Anniversary; all of whom presently reside in and will not leave their home in the Northwest section of that colossal metropolis called Houston on the banks of the booming bayou, better known as "Little White Oak"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The House of Representatives of the 60th Legislature of the State of Texas, this the Fourth Day of May, 1967, highly <sup>estol</sup>estol and extend to our beloved colleague, Paul Floyd, the greatest "Peckerwood" of them all, our most sincere wishes for a Happy Birthday and a hearty, "HI HO, PAUL," that will forevermore resound loudly through the Halls of our noble Capitol.

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Add names of all members

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Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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Congratulating Representative  
Paul Floyd on  
his 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
today May 4, 1967

DATE MAY 4 1967

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman  
CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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